U.S. MARINE CORP

U.S. Marine Corp. 1918-1923

Commandant, Marine Corps,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In times past this Society has made application for the various Marine Corps badges issued by the Navy Department. We understand that the badge for service in Mexico is now issued, and as we are desirous of making our collection of these badges as complete as possible, can you not give us an order on the maker so we can purchase one of these? This, like the others, you understand is Museum property, and we are therefore in a position to say that it would never be used for anything except exhibition purposes.



# Meadquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT,
Washington, July 9, 1918.

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Sir:

The Mexican service badge has been authorized by the Navy Department, but the badges are not yet ready for distribution. As soon as the Government's order is filled this insignia will be available for purchase by civilians. This office is pleased to comply with your request of June 8th and hereby authorizes you to buy one of the Mexican badges from the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, of Philadelphia, or from any other firm having them for sale.

Very respectfully,

Special Assistant.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York City.

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July 27, 1918

Captain T. G. Sterrett

Recruiting Publicity Bureau
117 East 24th St.

New York, N. T.

Dour Sir:-

I received your kind favor of July 26 and will be very glad to come up and get one of the helmets as soon as you notify me by telephone, Barclay 8060, that the helmets have arrived. I wish to congratulate you upon the wonderful sucess of the new Flagg poster. The Exhibition is getting along famously and I know you will be very much pleased with it when you see it.

Very truly yours,

# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

### RECRUITING PUBLICITY BUREAU

117-119 EAST 24th STREET NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 6, 1918.

My dear Mr. Hopkins:-

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., I will endeavor to answer your questions in sequence as set forth therein:

- 1. The Uniform Regulations, U. S. Marine Corps, 1917, have not been revised although there have been several minor changes.
- 2. Medals and badges for marksmanship issued to Marines are not different from those issued in the Army.
- 3. There is no such rank as Commissary Steward in the Marine Corps. No badge is prescribed for the same. A man with the rank of Sergeant is usually designated to act in such capacity.
- 4. The distinguishing marks of Surgeons who serve with Marines are the same as those of the Navy. When a Surgeon is assigned to a Marine Corps unit in the field he is provided with a uniform the same as is worn by an officer of the Marine Corps with the addition of the Surgeon's insignia.
- 5. I do not know of any other letters being worn on hats by Marines. In some cases figures denoting the number of the Company are worn.
- 6. I am sorry to say that we are unable to furnish a Sergeant Major's chevron, Gun Pointer, Gun Captain and Target insignia, etc. These articles can be procured from the Depot Quartermaster, U.S.Marine Corps, 1100 South Broad St. Philadelphia, Pa.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Captain, M.C.R.

In Charge of Bureau.

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Mr. A. A. Hopkins, Scientific American, 233 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

September 11th, 1918.

Depot Quartermaster.
U. S. Marine Corps.
1100 South Broad Street.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

We are holding a very extensive exhibition of the insignia and devices of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. This includes chevrons, rating badges and specialty marks of the enlisted man. Captain Sterrett, in charge of the Recruiting Publicity Bureau here in New York, has kindly furnished us with such chevrons as he had in stock here. He has informed us that we undoubtedly could produce from you the articles that we lack. We are not attempting to display a complete set for all of the different uniforms but would like to get at least one representation of all the different chevrons. We lack the Sergeant Major: Quartermaster Sergeant, Pay Department; Lance Corporal; Drum Major and Second Leader of the Band, as well as the Gun Pointer's Drummer's and Trumpeter's sleeve marks. We would prefer these for the winter field uniform, though possibly the gun pointer's mark would be more appropriate for the blue uniform. If possible we would like to get a re-enlistment stripe for the blue uniform as well as one of the field uniform's.

Also if there are any new devices, as there might be either for enlisted men in the aviation or radio section or any other ramifications brought on by this war, we would like to get them.

Captain Sterrett let us have the chevrons we now have on memorandum. We would be willing to buy outright or take on loan anything that you feel you could let us have.

I remain.

Yours very truly,

# LOAN

The American Mumismatic Society,

Broadway between 155 & 156 Street,

New York, N.Y.

Received from the Depot Quartermaster, U.S.Marine Corps, 1100 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., the following:-

# 1 Package conssining:-

Chevrons, W.F., Sgt. Hajor, Set.
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Chevrons, W.F., Trumpeter, Set.
Chevrons, W.F., Drummer, Set.
Chevrons, W.F., Drummer, Sets.
Linsignia, Gum Pointer, 1st Class, Blue,
Silk, Stripes, Service, Pr.,

Package sent by mail this date.

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,

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Please sign and return retain this receipt.

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# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

#### RECRUITING PUBLICITY BUREAU

NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 11, 1918.

My dear Mr. Woods:-

It will be perfectly alright for you to use the chevrons for the exhibition in Philadelphia. We are only too glad to be of assistance in any way, and I was awfully sorry that circumstances forced us to ask the return of the helmet.

We do not know it officially, but it is our understanding that the Fifth and Sixth Regiments of Marines were recommended for the Cross of the Legion of Honor. This has not come over yet officially, although the citation has come.

The Marinesyou saw wearing the red cords had these given to them by the Red Cross in France before they sailed for America. The Red Cross is in close touch with French Headquarters, and they told our returning Marines that in a short time they would be entitled to wear the red cord, which means the Legion of Honor decoration has been given to the Fourth Marine Brigade.

So far no preparation has been made, by the Marine Corps at least, to make the cord a part of the uniform. Gunnery Sergeant Dan Daly did not get his third medal of honor in this war. He got the Distinguished Service Cross over there, and I believe, the Croix de Guerre. He was recommended for a third medal of honor, which will sometime come through, for his extreme daring in the street fighting of Vera Cruz.

Very truly yours,

Major, U.S.Marines. In Charge of Bureau.

Mr. Howland Woods, Curator, Amer. Numismatic Society, Broadway, bet. 155th & 156th Sts., New York, N. Y. Depot Quartermaster, U. S. Marine Corps. 1100 South Broad Street. Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I am herewith returning certain chevrons, &c. borrowed as per your memorandum of September 16, 1918:

1 Chevrons, W.F., Sgt. Major, Set,

1 Chevrons, W.F., Q. M. Sgt., P.D., Set.

1 Chevrons, W.F., Trumpeter, Set. 1 Chevrons, W.F., Drum Major, Set. 1 Chevrons, W.F., Drummer, Sets.

1 Chevrons, V.F., 2nd Leader Band, Set.

1 Insignka, Gun Pointer, 1st Clase, Blue.

1 Silk, Stripes, Service, Pr.,

I am sending this package by parcel post under separate cover.

I beg to thank you very much for your courtesy in loaning us these articles.

Very truly yours.

June 14th, 1919

Commandant;
Marine Corps.

Navy Department.

Dear Sir: -

that a ribbon is being issued for compaigns for which no badges have been issued. As we have on exhibition in our Museum specimens of all of the governmental medals and badges we desire to show a specimen of this ribbon as well, together with one of the metal numbers. We of course will pay whatever charges there are. Our last application for a badge was answered July 9, 1918, 50029 W.W.

Very truly yours,



### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, DEPOT OF SUPPLIES, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

IN REPLYING REFER TO NO.

466-A

October 11. 1919.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of September 11, 1918, and the memorandum receipt signed by you, of September 16, 1918, it is requested that the chevrons atc., losned to your society at that time, be returned to this do not if they have served their purpose.

If you desire to retrin these chevrous, please remit 2.99 in payment therefore.

Respectfully.

Cyrus S. Radford, Colonel, Marine Corps, Depot Quartermaster.

The Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N.Y.

Col. Cyrus S. Radford,
United States Marine Corps,
Quarternasters Department,
Lapot of Supplies,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Doar Sir:-

Your letter of October 11th, No. 466-A, at hand. The chevrons, that we borrowed on September 16th, 1918, were returned to you by parcel post on April 5th, 1919, the same time we sent you a letter, copy of which is attached. We can not find in our files any further communication, and only your recent letter came we supposed that these were received by you. If you are unable to trace the return of these chevrons, please let us know and we will try to trace up the thing further from this end.

Very truly yours.

Curator.



### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, DEPOT OF SUPPLIES,

REFER TO NO.

PHILADELPHIA. PA.. October 16. 1919.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 14th inst., advising that the chevrons loaned to your society had been returned, April 5, 1919, you are advised that the chevrons were received in good order and through error were not credited to you.

I thank you for calling my attention to the matter.

Respectfully,

Cyrus S. Radford, Colonel, Marine Corps, Depot Quartermaster.

The Curator, American Numismatic Society, Broadway, between 155th & 156th Sts., New York. N.Y. In replying refer to No.

9008-22-2-ITI-AAC



# Meadquarters U. S. Marine Corps

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Washington,

April 15, 1920.

Bir:

In reply to your communication of June 14th, 1919, in which you ask that "arine Corps Expeditionary Tibbon, as authorized in Marine Corps Order #33, series 1919, dated as 8, 1919, together with numeral symbolic of more than one excedition, be furnished you for exhibition, there is enclosed berewith one of the ribbons in question together with a numberal two (2).

This office regrets the delay in complying with your wishes, but this insignia was only received from the contractor on the 3rd instant, and it was necessary to hold your letter, above referred to, in suspense until such time as this ribbon was available for distribution.

Very respectfully,

H. LAY, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Adjutant & Inspector.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator, The American Numismatic Society, Broadway, Between 155th and 156th Sts., New York, N. Y.



Headquarters, United States Harine Corps, Adjutant's and Inspector's Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

We beg to admowledge your communication of April 15th (9008-22-2 ITI-AAC) enclosing one of the Expeditionary ribbons. Please accept our thanks for sending this on.

I remain.

Most respectfully,

Curator.

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Li. M. E. Springer, U.S. Marine Corps
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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

March 17th, 1921

Lt. .m. 1. pringer, J.S. Marine Corps Lavy Building, Asshington, D. 1.

Dear Sir:

In December you sent to this Dociety the fifteen Lavy classs that were then completed. I understood that three more classs would come later - namely, iransport, bestroyer and ascort.

If these are now realy, could we have one of each for our Museum.

Very truly yours,

Curator



IN REPLYING REFER TO No.

## HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS,

WASHINGTON,

March 19, 1921.

My dear Sir:-

In acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 17th instant, relative to Navy clasps for use on the ribbon of the victory medal, I have to advise you that the three clasps mentioned, namely, Transport, Destroyer and Escort, are not available at this time but that same are expected early in april, upon receipt of which one each will be forwarded to you. From your letter just mentioned, it is noted that you have 15 Navy clasps and expect three more, which would make a total of 18, whereas I am advised that there are 19 clasps of this kind. Will you please advise me whether you have the "Overseas" clasp, and if not, I will include such clasp with the three above mentioned. If you have the "Overseas" clasp, please send me a complete list of all 15 clasps in your possession, in order that I may be able to determine which clasp you still require.

Very truly yours,

WM. E. SPRINGER.

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Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th & 156th Sts.,
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IN REPLYING REFER TO NO.

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# Meadquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Washington, June 18, 1921.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of May 24th addressed to the Bureau of Navigation, with reference to certain clasps for Victory medal, desired for the purpose of completing the exhibition of this insignia by the American Numismatic Society.

Agreeable to your request, there are enclosed the additional clasps requested; i.e., Escort, Transport, and Destroyer.

Very sincerely,

Major, Asst. Adjutant & Inspector.

3 enclosures.

Howland Wood, Curator, American Numismatic Society, Broadway, between 155th & 156th Sts., New York, New York. Major F. A. Barker

Asst.Adj. & Inspector

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le are in receipt of your communication of once lith, torother with the three clases - "port. Transport and Destroyer.

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Curator

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Santla, en:

We understand that the Tarine Corps has issued, or is about to issue, a medal for Distinguished Bervice. We should very much like to have one of these for our Museum.

thing in our line since the Service Bar for Campaigns for which no medals were given out, we should be very glad if it could be made possible to further these for display in our blacks.

Very truly yours,

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IN REPLYING

### HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS,

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WASHINGTON.

Lay 15, 1922.

iv dear ir. Food:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of ay 10th in which you ask that if consistent the american Pumismatic Society be furnished with a sample of the medal for distinguished service issued by the Darine Dorps. It is believed that you have reference to the prevet ledal recently authorized by the Secretary of the Davy.

In this connection I am pleased to forward to you with this letter one of these Prevet ledals in question, for exhibition purposes.

Doubtless a brief history or statement as to the origin of this decoration will be of interest and assistance to you.

During the Lexican Tar, Civil Var, SpanishAmerican Mar, Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer
Fostilities of 1900, brevet commissions were conferred
upon officers of the Larine Corps, under the provisions
of Section 1604, Revised Statutes, and earlier laws, for
distinguished conduct and public service in the presence
of the enemy. No medal or badge, however, was prescribed
to be worn by the recipient and so denote him as an
officer of distinction. In consequence, this distinction,
once conferred, was forgotten by the service and, in
contrast to the awards of medals, badges, and ribbons
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Tar, the old-time brevet became at most an empty honor.

rectified and that the brevet commission, as a mark of honor, associated as it was with the early history of the Marine Corps, should receive recognition commensurate with like honors of a later day, the Major General Commandant, in a letter to the Cecretary of the Mavy dated 12 woril, 1921, cited the foregoing facts and recommended that an appropriate medal, or badge and ribbon, be prescribed as an article of uniform to denote the possessor of a brevet commission, adding that the legality of the use for this purpose of certain available funds had

In view of the fact that the Brevet Ledal is awarded to indicate that the recipient is the holder of a commission issued by the Bresident and confirmed by the Benate, for distinguished conduct and public service in the presence of the enemy, it is to be worn immediately after the Hedals of Monor, the Distinguished-Bervice Ledals, and the Mavy Cross or Army Distinguished-Bervice Cross.

Replying to your inquiry as to whether any other medals or badges have been authorized for the Marine Corps, I am enclosing a copy of Mavy Department General Order No. 76 and No. 77 of 29 December 1921. The Dominican campaign badges and Maiti campaign badges 1919-1920 therein referred to have not as yet been received from the contractors, but it is believed that they will be available on or about the first of the year. I shall be pleased to have you communicate with this office again about that time when if they are available a sample of each will be sent you.

Trusting that the Brevet Ledal reaches you in good order and without delay, and that the information furnished will be of material assistance to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Pajor Ceneral Commandant.

Mr. H. Mood, Curator, The American Mumismatic Society, Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts., New York, New York.

#### DOMINICAN CAMPAIGN BADGE.

1. To commemorate the services performed by the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during the operations in Santo Domingo in 1916, a campaign badge to be known as The Dominican Campaign Badge will be issued to the officers and men who participated in those operations.

2. The period for which this badge will be issued is from 5 May 1916 to 4 December 1916, and any officer or enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who served in Santo Domingo during this period, or part of such period, is entitled to this badge, as are also the officers and enlisted men who were attached to the vessels mentioned in the following list between the dates mentioned opposite each vessel:

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3. Commanding officers will forward to the Bureau of Navigation lists of officers and enlisted men who are entitled to this campaign badge, such list showing in the case of each individual the rank, or rate, vessel, and time and place of service.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

77 GENERAL ORDER No. 77.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., 29 December 1921.

#### HAITI CAMPAIGN BADGE, 1919-1920.

- 1. To commemorate the services performed by the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during the recent operations in Haiti, a campaign badge to be known as The Haiti Campaign Badge, 1919–1920, will be issued to the officers and men who participated in those operations.
- 2. The period for which this badge will be issued is from 1 April 1919 to 15 June 1920, and any officer or enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who served in Haiti during this period, or part of such period, is entitled to this badge, as are also the officers and enlisted men who were attached to the vessels mentioned in the following list between the dates mentioned opposite each vessel:

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3. Commanding officers will forward to the Bureau of Navigation lists of officers and enlisted men who are entitled to this campaign badge, such list showing in the case of each individual the rank or rate, vessel, and time and place of service.

4. In cases where an officer or enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who has received a Haiti Campaign Badge for services rendered during 1915, is also entitled to a Haiti Campaign Badge, 1919–1920, in lieu of the second badge, a clasp inscribed "1919–1920" will be awarded and issued, to be worn on the ribbon of the Haiti Campaign Badge first awarded. Officers and men in this category will wear a bronze star on the ribbon representing the badge to denote possession of the 1919–1920 clasp.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

United States Marine Corps
Adjutant's and Inspector's Department
Washington, D.C.

#### Gentlemen:

This Society is very desirous to keep its collection of War Medals and insignia up to date for public exhibition, and we are very anxious to obtain the 1913 Haitian campaign model with bar for 1919-1920 as well as the medal dated 1919-1920.

I am writing to ask if it would be possible to get these direct from your Office or whether we should get in touch with Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company.

We understand that the San Demingo and Expeditionary Medals have not yet been issued.

Trusting that we may have the favour of a reply,

Very truly yours,

The Adjulant and Insector
U. S. Marine Corps

Attention - Major F. A. Barker

Door Sir:

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Writer: Puryeor, B., Jr., lt. (ol.

U.S. Marie Corps Headquarters

[Washington, D.C.]

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June 24, 1931.

United States Marine Corps Washington, D. C.

#### Gentlemen:

We desire to make application for our Museum for the two new medals authorized for the Tarine Corps, namely, the "Second Micaraguan Campaign" and the "Expeditionary Tedal." We desire to murchase two copies so as to be able to show obverse and reverse. As has previously been done, the words "For Exhibition urposes Only" has been engraved upon them and you have notified us the cost of the medals and engraving. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

10:30

Curator

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
THE QUARTERMASTER
AND REFER TO No.

208-1



#### HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON

10 July, 1931.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 24 June, requesting permission for The American Numismatic Society to purchase the Marine Corps expeditionary medal and the Second Nicaraguan campaign medal, two of each medal being requested, in order to exhibit both obverse and reverse, and the words "For exhibition purposes only" to be engraved thereon.

These medals were struck off at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa., where the dies were made, and a letter has this day been addressed to the Superintendent, requesting that two each of these medals, engraved as indicated, be sold to The American Numismatic Society. A copy of this letter is inclosed.

With regard to your penned question as to numerals, it is stated that when the expeditionary medal represents two or more expeditions or operations, a bronze numeral indicating the number of expeditions is also centered on the suspension ribbon as in the case of the service ribbon, the same type of numeral being used in both instances.

By direction of the Quartermaster:

Very respectfully,

B. Puryear, Jr.

Lt. Col., A.Q.M., U.S.M.C.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York City.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
THE QUARTERMASTER
AND REFER TO No.
208-1



#### HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON

4 August, 1932.

Gentlemen:

The Uniform Regulations of the Marine Corps contain a list of United States army, Navy and Marine Corps decorations, medals and badges, with a description of each ribbon, and the illustration plates include individual half-tone illustrations. In a revision of these regulations which was recently completed, certain gunnery badges of the Navy were included, namely, the admiral Trenchard Section, Navy League, turret-gun-pointer medal and the Knox trophy gun-pointer medal.

This office has endeavored to obtain these badges temporarily, in order to describe the ribbons and to have photographs made for reproduction with the half tones of other medals, but so far without avail.

It is thought that you may have these badges in your collection and may be able to lend them for a short time for these purposes, or if not, that you may be able to furnish photographs suitable for half-tone reproduction in obverse and reverse, in exact size, and also furnish descriptions of the latest ribbons, one of which it is understood has been changed.

This office would very much appreciate any assistance you may be able to render. If you have and can lend these medals, every precaution will be taken to safeguard them, and they will be promptly returned.

On publication of the revised illustration plates, a copy of revised Uniform Regulations with illustrations will be furnished you, if you so desire.

By direction of the Quartermaster:

Very respectfully,

3. Puryear, Ji

Lt. Col., A.Q.M., U.S.M.C.

August 10, 1932.

The Cuartermaster
Herdquarters U. S. Marine Corps
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference. No. 208-1

Your letter of August 1th came to hand while the writer was away. We have the Knox trophy gun-pointer medal for the Navy, presuming you mean the one issued by the Sons of the Revolution. This we are herewith enclosing as you probably would rather have this photographed than for us to do it. This please return at your pleasure when through with it. We have also the same medal given to the Army Field Artillery at Fort Sill. If you should care for this let us know.

As for the Admiral Trenchard turnet-cum-pointer medal we do not have it. In fact, we have never heard of it. You might take a long chance and write to General DeWitt Clinton Falls, 610 Park Avenue, New York City, who has made a special study of decorations and insignia and he may be able to give you details of this and possibly might know of nomeone who has this medal.

We have virtually everything in our own government medals, Army, Novy and Marine Corps. We are however shy on various marks and the badges etc. We have a specimen of the rare Bailey edal that was given to midshipmen.

R gula ions etc. that you comtemplate publishing. Our last copy was a war time production.

Very truly yours,

Curator

November 22, 1932.

Lt. Col. B. Puryear, Jr. Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your reference 208-1

On august 4th you wrote this Society letter 208-1 requesting information concerning certain medals. On August 10th we sent you by registered mail the Knox medal. Our records do not show that you have ever received this. If you have, kindly let us know. We are not writing you to get this back at once; simply to keep our records straight.

Very truly yours,

HW: JG Curator

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
THE QUARTERMASTER
AND REFER TO No.

208-1



## HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON

15 December, 1932.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your recent letter, regarding the Knox Trophy Gun-Pointer Medal which was furnished this office as a temporary loan.

It was necessary to send the medal to a Marine Corps activity out of this city for the desired photographs, and upon its return to this office it was found that the ribbon did not correspond to a ribbon furnished by the Society which awards the medal, whereupon correspondence ensued with such Society. In handling, the medal has been carefully packed and transmitted by registered mail.

It is desired to retain the Knox Medal for a short time longer, until some discrepancies are reconciled, and it is inferred from your letter that this will be agreeable.

This office greatly appreciates your cooperation in this matter, and will return the medal at an early date.

By direction of the Quartermaster:

Very respectfully,

B. Puryear, Jr.,

Lt. Col., A.Q.M., U.S.M.C.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York City.

Lt. Col. B. Puryear, Jr. Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

On August 10, 1932 we sent you a specimen of the Knox Medal given by the Sons of the Revolution of Massachusetts to the Best Gun Pointer with the Highest Score in the United States Navy. On November 22, 1932 we wrote you again. You replied on December 15th stating you desired to keep this medal a while longer until certain discrepancies were reconciled. Since then we have not heard concerning this medal. We would very much like to have this medal back as we do not like to keep temporary loans on open file for so long a period.

Very truly yours,

HW: JG

Curator

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
THE QUARTERMASTER
AND REFER TO No.
208-1



#### HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON

8 February, 1934.

Dear Sir:

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, I wish to advise you that in view of the change in personnel which was handling Uniform Regulations for the Marine Corps, this office overlooked the fact that we were still holding the Knox Trophy Gun Pointer Medal which you so kindly loaned us several months ago. The medal, with bar and ribbon, however, are being returned to you today by registered mail and this office desires to thank you for your courtesy in the matter.

By direction of the Quartermaster:

Very respectfully

B. Puryear, Jr.,

Lt. Col., A.Q.M., U.S.M.C.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, N. Y.

February 9, 1934.

Lt. Col. B. Puryear, Jr. Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Reference 208-1

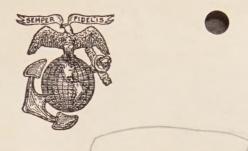
of the Knox Trophy Gun Pointer Medal. I was under the impression that we sent you much more ribbon than you returned. The piece you sent back looks like a flat ribbon that went back of the medal and not the piece joining the medal to the pin bar. By any chance have you got this extra piece of ribbon.

Very truly yours.

HW: JG

Curator

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
THE QUARTER MASTER
AND REFER TO No.
208-1



### HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON

12 February, 1934.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 9th instant, acknowledging receipt of medal and ribbon forwarded from this Headquarters under date of the 8th instant, permit me to say that a careful search has been made in this office for a larger piece of ribbon for use with the Knox Trophy Gun Pointer Medal, but we are of the opinion that the small piece returned was the only one of its kind received here. In this connection permit me to quote from a letter written by our official photographer in Philadelphia relative to his connection with the matter.

"The photo of the Henry Knox Medal was mailed to you today under separate cover. The medal is in the same package and I am sending it registered. Believe me, I had one time getting that splinter of a ribbon to look like something the cat didn't bring in and hope I fixed it according to your idea of what it should look like."

By direction of the Quartermaster:

Very respectfully

B. Puryear, Jr.,

Lt. Col., A.Q.M., U.S.M.C.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator, The American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets, New York, N. Y.